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INDIA S SHARE IN WORLD TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) The percentage of India's share in world tourism during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) The constraints being faced by the Government to boost tourism in the country in a big way; and

(c) The remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): India's share in world tourist arrivals during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 is estimated as 0.39%, 0.45% and 0.49% respectively. The estimated share of India in international tourism receipts during these years is 0.69%, 0.76% and 0.84% respectively.

(b): Various constraints facing the tourism sector in India include lack of adequate tourism infrastructure such as shortage of hotel accommodation & high hotel tariffs, deficiencies in infrastructure such as airports, roads, railways, etc., multiplicity and high level of taxation, restricted land use policies for hotel projects, lack of easy facility of entry of international tourists to India, shortage of air seat capacity, high air fares, etc.

(c): As the constraints being faced by the tourism industry relate to different Ministries/ State Governments, the Ministry of Tourism regularly takes up the issues with them in order to mitigate the constraints being faced by the travel trade. Besides this, the Ministry of Tourism also takes up these issues with the Planning Commission, Group of Ministers meeting in the State Tourism Ministers' Conference and other high level fora. Further, in order to develop tourism infrastructure at tourist destinations & circuits, the Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State/UT Governments for projects prioritized every year in consultation with them. So far in the 10th Plan, 1008 projects have been approved and more than Rs. 1500 crore sanctioned under various plan schemes for tourism infrastructure development in the States/UTs.